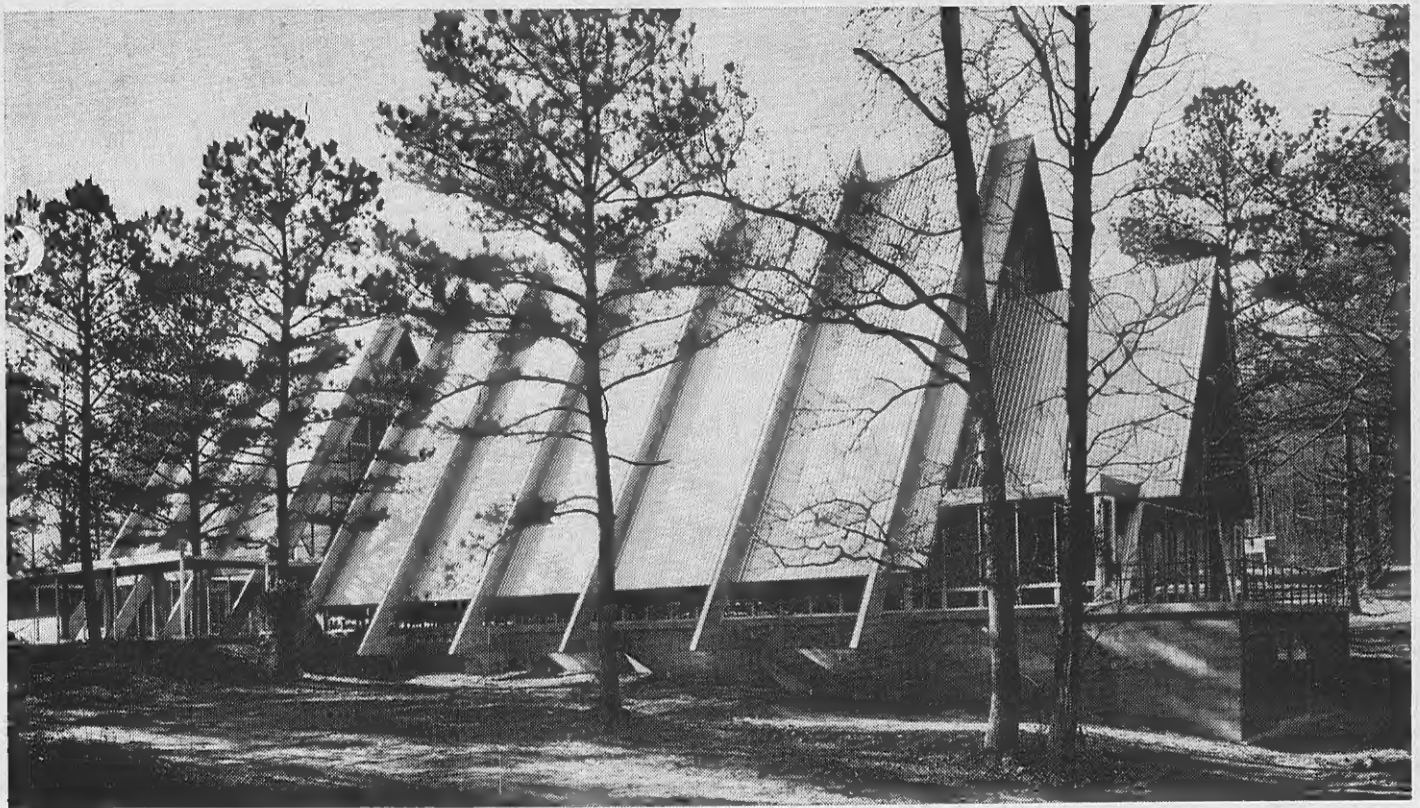


# The Southeast News

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**PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

*(United Church Of Christ)*

**BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

**DR. S. LAWRENCE JOHNSON, Pastor**

**SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE ISSUE**

**FIRST ANNUAL MEETING**

**APRIL 29 - 30, 1967**

## Report Of The Moderator

Your Moderator assumed his duties a year ago, at a time when our Conference was without executive leadership. Dr. James Lightbourne Jr. had resigned at the end of 1965 to assume the position of Conference Minister of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. Dr. Jesse Dollar, who had served for several months as interim Superintendent, found it impossible to continue in this service. Therefore, the burden of oversight of the Conference office devolved upon the Moderator until our new leader could assume his duties. Special thanks are due to Mrs. Wilmer McCord of the Conference office, for her experienced and devoted assistance in all the Conference affairs during this period.

From June 1-3, 1966, your moderator shared in the Consultation on Church Development in Greensboro, N. C., where leaders of the Southeast Conference and of the Southern Conference met with staff members of our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries to discuss needs and strategies for progress in our area.

The Personnel Committee, under the able leadership of Rev. Arnold Slater, had been laboring for some time to find the best possible replacement for Dr. Lightbourne. We have been most fortunate in the selection made by the committee and approved by the Conference last year. Dr. William J. Andes assumed his duties as Minister and Superintendent of our Southeast Conference in July of last year.

Another achievement of great value for our Conference has been the securing of Rev. Miss Emilie Pitcock as our Minister of Christian Education and Youth Work. The educational and youth program of our churches has already shown steps in growth and progress under her leadership.

The sale of one parsonage and the purchase of two others have been among the important steps taken by your Board of Directors during the past year. Since Dr. Andes preferred to purchase his own house in Atlanta and receive a housing allowance instead of using the former Conference parsonage, steps were taken to find a suitable buyer for the house which Dr. Lightbourne and his family had occupied. It has

taken most of the year to complete this matter, but the sale has now been made at the price of \$23,500. In the meantime, a parsonage was purchased in the Bonanza community, south of Atlanta, for \$23,300, for the use of Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Carmack, and another house was purchased in South Montgomery for Rev. and Mrs. John Martin for \$21,000.

Your Moderator has presided at the meeting of the Conference Directors on July 7th, of the Executive Committee on December 10th, and the Directors again on February 21st of this year. Your Moderator expresses his deep appreciation to all who have served on the Board and the Executive Committee, and to the members and chairmen of all commissions and Committees of the Conference who have proven faithful and efficient in their work.

One of the important events of the year has been the Ministers' Convocation held at Camp Calvin, January 23-25, 1967. Rev. Edward M. Brown served as Chairman on Arrangements. The speakers for the Conference were: Rev. Horace Sills of the Board for Homeland Ministries, Mrs. F. C. Lester of the Council for Lay Life and Work, and Dr. Harold N. Skidmore of the United Church Pension Boards.

An important decision which must be made by the time of our Annual Meeting will be where to relocate the Conference office after Central Church's building has been transferred to its buyers. Central Church of Atlanta has offered the Conference space in the house which is located on the property at 2684 Clairmont Road, NE. The rental for this has been suggested at \$150 per month. The Clairmont Road location is very close to the Clairmont Exit of the Northeast Expressway in Atlanta, and is easily reached from all directions. Your Moderator hopes that the Conference will approve this suggested place for its future offices.

The General Synod of the United Church of Christ will be meeting at Cincinnati, Ohio, June 23-28, 1967. Your Moderator is one of our Conference delegates to this Synod meeting. The other delegates are Mr. Hubert Richter, Moderator-Elect, and Mrs. Edward Brown for the Commission for

## Work Of Commission on Institutions And Ministries

The work of this commission has to do with the Educational and Welfare institutions in the area and our relationship and responsibility to those institutions.

This is a new commission. The chairman and Conference Minister visited Dorchester, Georgia, met with the professors and teachers of the Vanderbilt-Oberlin Divinity School, Nashville, to consider ways of making the best use of this addition to the Southeast. The chairman has also had two interpretive sessions with the Rev. Wayne Peck, administrative head of our Pleasant Hill Nursing Home and Retirement Village.

It is the national policy of the United Church to ask the institutions of a given area to seek regional support, and we may reasonably expect this commission to encourage the churches to have pride in and financial support for those, who through the institutions are rendering a ministry for our church.

Arnold Slater, Chairman

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### Lay Life and Work.

One of the goals still before us as we meet at Birmingham is addition of a third staff member for our Conference to work in the area of Church Extension and inter-church relations. We have been fortunate in financial aid offered to us in the amount of \$10,500 toward the salary and expenses of this additional staff member, by the Church Extension Division of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. Our Personnel Committee expects to bring a recommendation to the Conference on this matter, and your Moderator hopes that its recommendation will be unanimously adopted.

Frederick A. Meyer





## Dr. Danieley Speaks To Annual Meeting

Dr. J. Earl Danieley, president of Elon College in North Carolina, will be the speaker for the installation service for the Conference staff on Saturday evening, April 29, at the Southeast Conference. He will also bring the sermon for the closing service of worship on Sunday morning.

A native of Alamance County in North Carolina, he received his education in the public schools of that county, his Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in chemistry from Elon College, his Master of Arts and his Ph.D. degrees from the University of North Carolina. He has done post-graduate research in organic chemistry at the Johns Hopkins University.

Since 1946, he has been associated with Elon College, first as a member of the faculty, then as dean of the college, and in 1957 he became the president of the college.

Dr. Danieley served as the president of the National Laymen's Fellowship in 1961-62, and as the chairman for Lay Life and Work in the United Church of Christ from 1961-65.

Among the honors accorded Dr. Danieley, none so characterizes him as being a sincere and faithful member of the Elon College Community Church. For many years he has served as deacon in the church and for the past two years as chairman of the Board of

## Dr. Buschmeyer Will Represent Executive Council At Annual Sessions

Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer, secretary of the United Church of Christ, with offices in New York, will represent the Executive Council at the annual sessions of the Southeast Conference, April 29th and 30th, at Birmingham, Ala.

The Executive Council of the United Church of Christ is composed of 21 ministers and lay men and women, and has the responsibility for conducting business for the denomination between biennial meetings of the General Synod.

Dr. Buschmeyer will bring the opening address to the Conference on the theme "What Is This Gospel We Would Communicate?" Later in the day, he will present the work of the Executive Council.

In his opening address he will set the stage for the deliberations of the Conference on the general theme, "Communicating the Gospel." Following his opening address, the Conference will meet in small discussion groups to develop the theme further.

## Leslie Beall Resigns As Conference Treasurer

After serving the Conference for one year, Mr. Leslie Beall of Atlanta is having to resign as Conference treasurer because of ill health. He had a severe operation this winter and is now recovering a measure of strength needed for his daily activities.

We sincerely wish for him complete recovery of health and extend to him our thanks for a job well done in this most important task.

Deacons. No one has so appreciated his services as your Conference Minister, W. J. Andes, a pastor of the Elon College Community Church until last fall. No one can fully apprehend the depth of his spirit nor fully measure the outreach of his ministry to the thousands of college students in his care and the extent of his care for a world in need.

## Commission On Our Christian World Mission

Situations and trends have been brought to light through studies and analyses conducted by the Department of Town and Country of the United Church of Christ, which demand our serious study and action:

I. Trends in Evangelism and giving, 1950, 1960, 1965.

II. Shall we heed The Great Commission — "Go Ye Into All the World?"

III. Planning for year-round evangelism with special emphasis during Lent and Pentecost.

IV. How can we involve our youth in the total program of the church?

V. What, specifically, is the part of our Laity?

VI. "The Local Church in God's Mission" — Theme for 1968-69.

VII. Shall we seek to carry forward the Christian Enlistment Workshops?

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Directors of the Southeast Conference direct monies collected for SUS-OGHS and Neighbors in Need to the proper agencies in toto, with no part of it kept by the Conference or equalized from other funds sent to the Conference.

That the Conference authorize the Commission on Our Christian World Mission to prepare and submit to the churches of the Conference suggested goals for Basic Support, based upon their fair share of the Conference budget and our budget for national boards and agencies.

Jesse H. Dollar, Chairman

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Read Your  
Church Magazines

## Report Of Minister Of Christian Education

Because of the many denominational and ecumenical concerns in the Southeast area, and because of the very limited staff, the ministry of Christian Education in the Southeast Conference is exceedingly broad. In addition, some involvements come merely because one is a minister in the United Church of Christ.

Following the Fall Association meetings, your Minister of Christian Education has been engaged in several meetings concerned with the United Church curriculum; an evaluation project by the United Church of Christ, as well as inquiries for information and help by local churches. Some workshops have been held at the request of local congregations and groups of churches.

As staff representative for the Southeast Conference youth, there have been planning sessions and meetings both with Association and Conference-wide youth and adult sponsors.

Some new dimensions include exploration of our role in campus ministry and meeting with Association Christian Education committees.

With Lay Life and Work also included, there have been meetings with Association committees where such exist, planning with the Conference Commission on Lay Life and Work, and helping local churches to interpret the lay person's role in the total church.

Plans are now underway for summer camp and Conference programs, for lay leaders' meetings, and for increased momentum in leadership training both of youth and adult leaders of children, youth and adults.

We are happy to be ministering again in the Southeast Conference and look forward to a fruitful ministry together.

### CAMP AND CONFERENCE DATES AND PLACES

Junior High and Senior High Camps in two locations:

Camp Harrison Bay (near Chattanooga, Tenn.), June 11-17, 1967

Christian Church State Camp, Gordon, Ga. (near Macon), June 4-11, 1967

Emilie F. Pitcock

## Report Of The Conference Minister

A year has slipped quickly by since being elected Conference Minister of the Southeast Conference. This has been a year of learning on my part — locating the churches, discovering routine of the office, planning meetings, such as Association meetings, in which I had not been before, attending national meetings, bumping up against problems for which there seemed to be no solutions, and, most of all, seeking the help of the Holy Spirit while working in this new ministry. A word of thanks goes to all of you who have been so gracious and helpful.

This Conference needs to face some of its problems and seek some solutions. How can we cover seven states and try to minister to 127 churches in those states? Where can you find enough ministers? Worse yet, how could you find an adequate salary for them if you found them? Can our churches face the social problems of the day and not be satisfied with "preaching once a month?" Can God speak to us? How can we change the trend downward — a decreasing number of churches, a decreasing membership, and a decrease in Our Christian World Mission giving?

This year, 72 churches gave a total of \$47,623.92 to Our Christian World Mission, of which \$11,656.33 went to National Instrumentalities for work around the world.

This year, 68 churches sent in their Year Book reports, reporting \$409,757.13 in current expenses and a total of 7,668 members. This means 61 churches just didn't bother to send in any kind of a report.

The year ahead is unknown as far as success or failure is concerned. One thing is certain, however — our Lord has work for us to do.

William J. Andes

## Goals For United Church

Rev. Frederick A. Meyer, Moderator of the Southeast Conference addressed the Ala. - Tenn. Association meeting at Belvidere, Tenn., on February 28, 1967. In his message, he listed the following goals that we as a Conference need to set before us:

1. Full and final end to racial segre-



**S. Lawrence Johnson,  
Host Pastor**

Dr. and Mrs. S. Lawrence Johnson would like to welcome the Southeast Conference to Pilgrim Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Dr. Johnson was installed as pastor of the church on November 21, 1965.

Mrs. Johnson extends a joyous invitation for the "Divinity Dames" (ministers' wives, mainly) to have breakfast with her on Sunday, April 30, 7:45 a. m., at the parsonage, 20 Gaywood Circle.

gation among our churches.

2. Re-orientation on geographical lines of former "Conference" groups.

3. Re-vitalization of local churches.

4. Strong emphasis on founding new churches.

5. A message and a program which meet needs and concerns of present day.

"Our faith for today," concluded Mr. Meyer, "must be able to interpret God's actions amid events of the present. Our faith must meet conditions of the "Secular City" with a real "Gospel" of redemption and personal fullness of life. We must become the "servant" of our fellowmen in meeting real social problems."

## Commission On Christian Education

The Commission on Christian Education of the Southeast Conference is very happy to welcome back the Rev. Emilie F. Pitcock as Minister of Christian Education. Miss Pitcock is not a newcomer to our area. She is familiar with the many problems which we face as a Commission and as a Conference. We are looking forward to a great year under her leadership.

It is the expressed desire of this Commission to see some innovations in the area of Christian Education in the Southeast. In view of this concern, we submit to the Conference the following proposals for discussion and appropriate action as needed:

(1) The need for a Conference-owned center for all phases of Christian Education activities such as summer camping, youth conference, and mid-winter gatherings. This land could be acquired by purchase or gift. This property would not necessarily have to be developed in the near future.

(2) It is recommended that the Conference undertake some kind of recruitment program for adult leadership in the area of summer camping, summer service projects, etc.

(3) The need to develop a strong Junior High Fellowship Program.

The following activities have already been discussed in some depth. However, it would be most helpful if the delegates to the Annual Conference would enter into further discussion and make some of their interests and concerns known to the Commission. This would be of great service to those who have the responsibility of developing these programs.

(1) Alternatives to on-site summer camping:

- (a) Summer Service Projects
- (b) Weekend canoe trips
- (c) Appalachia trail hikes

(2) Area workshops to provide local leadership training in such areas as teaching skills, Vacation Bible School, etc. (This could be one-day commuter workshops). Questionnaires have already

## Commission On Church Extension

The Commission on Church Extension met in the Conference office in Atlanta, on January 14, 1967. The entire period of the meeting was consumed in the discussion of the various aided situations within the Southeast Conference. Each situation was discussed individually, and decisions were made in regard to each one, with a recommendation forwarded to the Board of Directors. The list as recommended and approved by the Board of Directors appears at the end of this report.

Some thirty miles South of Atlanta, bordering the South Expressway, is the new community called Bonanza. This is a totally new community and is designed to be a self-contained city. Presently, there are over 100 homes in this development. The United Church of Christ is there and, as something new for us in the Southeast at least, we are there first. We have purchased a three-acre church site, a fine parsonage, and we have an organizing minister in residence. Services are being held in the Administration building, and on Easter Sunday, there were 107 people present for the regular Sunday morning service. A Church School has been organized, and teacher training courses have been conducted. We are on the way to having a fine new church in the metropolitan area of Atlanta. It is to be a community church to serve all the people. Your chairman would like to express appreciation to our Conference Minister, Dr. Andes; our Minister of Christian Education, the Rev. Miss Emily Pitcock; Dr. J. Edmund Lippy of the Board for Homeland Ministries; and all others who have had a part in making this good start toward a new church a reality. We especially appreciate the

dy been mailed to local churches.

(3) The need to build a substantial film and film strip library in the Conference office.

For your information:

- (1) Working on a budget for 1967-68.
- (2) Summer Camping:
  - (a) Tennessee-Kentucky, June 11-17, Harrison Bay Camp, Tennessee.
  - (b) Georgia-Alabama, June 4-11, Camp of the Christian Churches of Georgia, Gordon, Ga.

Robert W. Hendrix, Chairman

fine support that we have had from our denominational headquarters. Rev. Floyd Carmack is giving excellent leadership to this new venture.

The development of the new church at Bonanza has focused our attention upon the absolute necessity of our finding a practical and effective method of raising funds for new church developments. The Commission on Church Extension expects to focus upon this basic problem during this session of the Annual Conference.

Hugh Lasseter, Chairman

(Church Aid List for 1967 follows)

## Aid To Local Churches 1967

| NATIONAL PROJECTS:       | NAT'L    |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Robbins Parish           | \$ 4,000 |
| No. Ala. Pastor-at-Large | 900      |

| JOINT PROJECTS        | CONF.       |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Charleston, Circular  | 500 1,250   |
| A. Ala. P-A-L         | 600 400     |
| Huntsville, United    | 250 2,500   |
| Montgomery, United    | 900 4,400   |
| Nashville, Brookmeade | 1,200 1,200 |
| Nashville, Howard     | 600 1,250   |
| Pleasant Hill, Comm.  | 500 500     |
| Sweetwater, First     | 600 2,000   |
| BONANZA               | 1,750 5,250 |

### TRAVEL AID TO MINISTERS

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Rev. Homer Barnes     | 72  |
| Rev. Richard M. Waugh | 100 |

### CONFERENCE PROJECTS

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Caddo, Cong'l Christian | 100           |
| Brantley, Liberty       | 100           |
| Haleyville, Union Grove | 150           |
| Columbus, First         | 600           |
| Roanoke, Sweet Home     | 300           |
| West Point, Bethel      | 600           |
| Student Summer Service  | 500 500       |
|                         | 9,422 24,150  |
| MISCELLANEOUS           | 1,078         |
| TOTALS                  | 10,500 24,150 |



First Annual Meeting  
Of The  
Southeast Conference Of The  
United Church Of Christ  
Pilgrim Congregational Church  
(United Church Of Christ)

3801 Montclair Road (Mountain Brook)  
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

THEME: "COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL"

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1967

9:00 A. M. Registration

10:00 Organ Prelude ..... John Fred Wimpee, Organist

10:15 The Devotional Service ..... The Commission on Lay Life & Work  
Call to Order ..... Rev. Frederick A. Meyer, Moderator

10:45 Welcome ..... Rev. S. Lawrence Johnson, Host Pastor

Welcome to the City ..... Mayor Albert Boutwell

Adoption of Proposed Program

Recognition of Visitors and Fraternal Delegates

Minutes of 1966 Annual Meeting ..... Miss Dora C. Brackin, Secretary

Suggested Rules for Proceedings of the Annual Meeting

The Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee

Resolutions Committee

Memorial Committee

Place Committee

The Report of the Moderator ..... Rev. Frederick A. Meyer

Presentation of the Financial Statement ..... Mr. Leslie Beall, Treasurer

Report of the Personnel Committee ..... Rev. Arnold Slater, Chairman

Presentation of Commissions:

Christian Education & Youth Work .... Rev. Robert W. Hendrix, Chm.

Church & Ministry ..... Rev. W. Millard Stevens, Chm.

Evangelism ..... Rev. L. Floyd Carmack, Chm.  
Church Extension ..... Rev. R. Hugh Lasseter, Chm.  
Christian Social Action ..... Rev. Edward M. Brown, Chm.  
Institutions & Ministries ..... Rev. Arnold Slater, Chm.  
Lay Life & Work ..... Mr. Edward M. Brown, Chm.  
Our Christian World Mission ..... Rev. Jesse H. Dollar, Chm.  
Church Builders Club ..... Mr. William S. Viall, Chm.

11:15 Address: "What Is This Gospel We Would Communicate?"  
Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer, Secretary, United Church of Christ  
Discussion Groups on the Theme

12:30 P. M. Lunch in the Fellowship Hall

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:45 P. M. Call to Order ..... Rev. Frederick A. Meyer, Moderator  
Devotional Service .... Youth Fellowship of The Southeast Conference  
Report of the Nominating Committee ..... Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht, Chm.  
The Southeast News & The United Church Herald ....Dr. Jesse H. Dollar  
The United Church of Christ As Seen By The Executive Council  
Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer  
3:15 P. M. "How Shall We Communicate This Gospel?" .... Rev. William J. Andes  
Rev. Karlton C. Johnson  
Rev. Emilie F. Pitcock  
Discussion Groups To Discuss and Develop Plans for 1967-68

#### SATURDAY EVENING

6:15 P. M. The Evening Meal in the Fellowship Hall  
7:30 Ministers Meet on North Patio  
7:45 Installation Service ..... Frederick A. Meyer, Presiding  
The Conference Minister, William J. Andes  
The Minister of Christian Education, Emilie F. Pitcock  
Speaker ..... Dr. J. Earl Danieley,  
President of Elon College, North Carolina

#### SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 30, 1967

7:45 A. M. Breakfast for the "Divinity Dames"  
Parsonage: 20 Gaywood Circle, Birmingham, Alabama  
9:00 Call to Order ..... Rev. Frederick A. Meyer, Moderator  
Business Session  
10:45 The Service of Worship  
Preacher ..... Dr. J. Earl Danieley  
Liturgist ..... Dr. S. Lawrence Johnson  
Music ..... Indian Springs School Chorus  
12:00 Noon The Conference Stands Adjourned Following the Service of Worship

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## RECEIPTS

### Budgeted Receipts

|                                       |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Board for Homeland Ministries Subsidy | 333.00   |          |
| Miscellaneous                         | 1,417.59 | 1,750.59 |

### OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION RECEIPTS

|  |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Alabama-Mississippi Association        | 1,097.75  |           |
| Alabama-Tennessee Association          | 6,548.05  |           |
| Central Alabama Association            | 1,301.40  |           |
| East Alabama Association               | 7,361.69  |           |
| North Alabama Association              | 5,060.85  |           |
| S. Alabama - N. W. Florida Association | 863.31    |           |
| Georgia - South Carolina Association   | 15,666.88 |           |
| Tennessee - Kentucky Association       | 9,633.93  |           |
| Other                                  | 90.06     | 47,982.06 |

### TOTAL BUDGETED RECEIPTS

49,982.06

### Unbudgeted Receipts

|  |           |  |
|--|-----------|--|
| Board for Homeland Ministries (church aid, etc.) | 20,987.18 |  |
| Family Thank Offering                            | 1,038.11  |  |
| Annie B. Ensminger Trust Fund                    | 712.80    |  |
| Refund from National Board — Bonanza Parsonage   | 5,000.00  |  |
| Miscellaneous                                    | 4,858.84  |  |

### TOTAL UNBUDGETED RECEIPTS

32,596.93

### TOTAL RECEIPTS

82,578.99

## DISBURSEMENTS

### Budgeted Disbursements

|  |           |  |
|--|-----------|--|
| Salaries and Annuities                         | 12,468.83 |  |
| Office (Rent, Telephone, Equipment, Insurance) | 1,684.01  |  |
| Supplies, Materials, Postage                   | 1,475.14  |  |
| The Southeast News                             | 1,271.95  |  |
| Organization (Board, Commissions, etc.)        | 2,097.54  |  |
| Travel (Interim Supt. & Conference Minister)   | 3,753.49  |  |
| Travel, Minister of Christian Education        | 1,190.95  |  |
| Special Travel                                 | 983.75    |  |
| CHURCH AID                                     | 8,421.58  |  |
| NATIONAL BOARDS & AGENCIES                     | 8,988.04  |  |
| Miscellaneous                                  | 3,423.34  |  |

### TOTAL BUDGETED DISBURSEMENTS

45,758.62

### Unbudgeted Disbursements

|  |           |  |
|--|-----------|--|
| To Churches, etc., from Board for Homeland Mins. | 19,714.23 |  |
| For Bonanza Parsonage                            | 5,575.27  |  |
| For Montgomery Parsonage                         | 4,721.79  |  |
| **Atlanta Federal Savings Certificate            | 10,000.00 |  |
| Miscellaneous                                    | 7,735.00  |  |

### TOTAL UNBUDGETED DISBURSEMENTS

47,746.29

### TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

93,504.91

## RECAPITULATION

|   |           |            |
|---|-----------|------------|
| TOTAL RECEIPTS 1966                     | 82,578.99 |            |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 1966                | 93,504.91 |            |
| BALANCE                                 |           | —10,925.92 |
| BEGINNING BANK BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1966 |           | 16,838.96  |

### BANK BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1967

6,738.69

\*\*Part of assets of Southeast Conference drawing interest at the rate of 5¼%

Leslie Beall, Treasurer



# Commission on Church And Ministry

Because of the illness of the chairman of this Commission, the undersigned was requested to serve as acting chairman during the remainder of the Conference year.

The Commission met on the afternoon and evening of February 20, 1967, in Atlanta, and had fruitful discussion of many matters related to the welfare of our churches and ministers. The following matters were discussed and are herewith brought to the Conference for consideration. All of these matters were presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting on February 21 and received favorable consideration.

## 1. The Annuity Fund for Ministers

It is of the greatest importance that all of our churches and pastors make every effort to see that our pastors are enrolled in The Annuity Fund. This involves payments by church and pastor, a combined payment each year equal to 11% of the pastor's salary, so that at retirement the pastor and his family would have some income to assure their physical security. Through the Board of Ministerial Relief, there is available a sum of \$100 for the first year dues of each pastor, provided the balance of the first year dues and the second year dues are paid by the pastor and church. Generally, the 11% is paid one-half by the church and one-half by the pastor, though most churches are paying the full 11%.

## 2. The Health Insurance Program

Through the Department of Church and Ministry, a Group Medical Hospital Insurance policy with very generous benefits is available to each of the Conferences in the General Synod. Each Conference may enter the plan when 75% of the active ordained pastors with their churches agree to participate. The cost is \$31.50 per quarter for a single pastor and \$63.00 per quarter for a pastor with a family. Generally, this is payable one-half by the church and one-half by the minister. We would hope that our Conference might secure enough participation to become a part of this program.

To assist us in this, the Board of Ministerial Relief will make available funds over the next three years to assist ministers in this insurance program whose earnings are less than \$5,750

per year. If the need persists beyond the three years, they would consider continuing some aid in this. This needs our attention.

3. The matter of providing ministers for our churches and standards for the ministry are of great importance to us. We feel that we need to make greater use of "Lay Ministers" and provide training for such men. As a start towards dealing with this whole problem, we present herewith a resolution for the consideration of the Conference. This resolution not only has the endorsement of the Commission, but of the Board of Directors. It is as follows:

"The Commission on Church and Ministry recommends that the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ, meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, April 29-30, go on record as encouraging the Associations of the Conference to follow the procedures contained in the 'Manual of the Ministry in the United Church of Christ', prepared and published by the Council for Church and Ministry, United Church of Christ, in granting ministerial standing in the Associations. Special attention should be given to the section on 'Lay Ministry' in meeting the needs of churches with good Christian laymen who do not meet the standards required for full ordination. Such lay ministers may well be given the right to administer the sacraments in churches or parishes where they serve as pastor and to perform the marriage ceremony where the law will permit.

"The Conference should provide copies of the above mentioned Manual to the Association Committee on the Church and Ministry."

## IN MEMORIAM

The following ministers have died during the year:

| Name                 | Ordained | Deceased |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Curtright, Arthur C. | 1919     | 8/30/66  |
| Doherty, Peter       | 1938     | 6/7/66   |
| Fullmer, William M.  | 1962     | 9/18/66  |
| Holmes, Oliver W.    |          | 9/19/66  |

The following ministers have been received into the Conference during this year: W. R. Anderson, William J. Andes, Edward C. Ducree, John L. Martin, James Eaton, Ralph L. Galt, Richard M. Mapes, Emilie F. Pitcock, Hycel B. Taylor, W. L. King.

W. Millard Stevens, Acting Chairman

# Communicating The Gospel

This is the theme for the Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference, April 29-30, 1967, in Birmingham. The pattern of the Conference will be to discuss the theme by addresses and by discussion groups. At the conclusion of the Conference, the Conference should have voted plans, programs, and personnel to communicate the Gospel in 1967-68.

"What Is This Gospel We Desire to Communicate?" asks Dr. Fred Buschmeyer. He not only gives his interpretation, but each person in attendance can share his own personal interpretation in the discussion groups.

This is not enough. "How Can We Communicate the Gospel?" if we are a dying church or if we are an ingrown church, or if we in our own generation do little or no communicating? Leading the discussion groups will be Commission chairmen and other leaders of our Conference. Out of these groups must come definite plans to communicate the Gospel by us in our time. These will be presented and hopefully adopted on Sunday morning in a business session.

The Gospel is to be communicated through special leadership, called by the church and Conference to this ministry. Saturday evening, under the leadership of the Moderator, Rev. Frederick H. Meyer, W. J. Andes will be installed as Conference Minister, and Emilie Pitcock will be installed as Minister of Christian Education and Youth Work. Dr. J. E. Danieleley, president of Elon College, will call all of us to a special "Commitment to Communicate the Gospel."

Following the business session on Sunday morning the Conference will gather as the church local and the church universal around the Lord's Table. Hearing the music by the Indian Springs School chorus will prepare us to commune with our Lord and with one another. Then Dr. Danieleley will lead us to a dedication of all that we have and are so that we may arise from the table of our Lord to go forth to communicate the Gospel.

W. J. Andes

## Commission For Lay Life And Work

The Southeast Conference for Lay Life and Work came into existence in Nashville, Tennessee, at the Annual Meeting of the Conference on April 23, 1966. The Commission met with Mrs. F. C. Lester, Southern Area Secretary of the Council for Lay Life and Work, in Atlanta, on May 28th to make future plans. Mrs. Richter accepted responsibility to promote the Family Thank Offering. Mrs. Curtright was asked to serve as secretary. Mr. Green agreed to provide information about Material Aid. Mr. Franks was asked to assume responsibility for developing a newsletter.

On June 8th, the Tennessee-Kentucky Women's Fellowship met in Daisy, Tennessee, for a Workshop. Mrs. Arnold Slater presided. The theme was "The Christian's Mission in an Age of Dilemma". On June 17-18, the Alabama - N. W. Florida's Women's Fellowship Retreat was held at Southern Union State Junior College in Wadley, Alabama, with the president, Mrs. W. Walter Hall, presiding.

The National Assembly of the Council for Lay Life and Work was held at Elmhurst College in Illinois June 26-28. The Southeast Conference was represented by Mr. Pressley Ingram and Mrs. Edward M. Brown.

The question of financing our ventures was discussed at our December 10 meeting. Association officers were requested to notify their membership that each group should continue its previous plan for financing activities and send to the Conference office whatever amount had been previously sent to former organizations designating it for Commission for Lay Life and Work use.

At our Leadership Training Workshop on March 11-12, 1967, every Association of the Conference was represented. At this meeting, the program material for 1967-68 was introduced. The theme, "Living Our Faith in Today's World," was used. Mrs. F. C. Lester interpreted Mission Study materials and helped formulate future plans. Dr. Kwai Sing Chang spoke on "Christ and the Faiths of Men." Mrs. Hubert Richter presented a series of charts explaining the Family Thank Offering. Mr. William R. Green Jr. discussed

## Commission On Christian Social Action

At the regional level, the principal activity this year was attendance at the Regional Christian Social Action Institute, Avon Park, Florida, Feb. 13-15, 1967. Eleven people attended from Southeast Conference. Plans were discussed for the holding of workshops at the Association level, as well as the application of what we have learned to the local community and the congregations.

At the Association level, the Social Action Committee of the Tennessee-Kentucky Association met on Saturday, April 1, at Brookmeade Congregational Church, Nashville, Tenn. The principal item on the program was the explanation of "Project Equality."

At the local level, there are not many active Committees on Christian Social Action. The most active group has been in Central Congregational Church

plans for our participation in the program of Material Aid. Section III of Program Opportunities for Adults was presented by Mrs. Homer C. McEwen. Rev. Edward Brown spoke on "Consultation on Christian Union." Dr. William J. Andes, Conference Minister, spoke about the role of the Commission in the Southeast Conference. Mrs. Franklin Thomas directed a skit entitled "Our Family Tree", which depicts the history of the United Church of Christ. After leading group singing, Mr. Franklin Thomas led a discussion of the background of the United Church of Christ.

A worship service based on the Statement of Faith was presented by Mr. William R. Green Jr. and Mrs. John Roemer.

At the meetings this past year certain questions have arisen, to which all of us as members of the Southeast Conference will have to give thought and search for answers:

What do we want to be?

Where are we?

Where do we want to go?

Freda S. Brown, Chairman

## Church Builders Club Financial Report

FOR 1966-67

Balance on Hand 3/5/66 \$1,453.98

Receipts for 1966-67:

Atlanta Central Church  
Mrs. Laura Askren 10.00

General Fund 61.95

Interest-Invested Funds 60.94

Balance on Hand 3/30/67 \$1,586.87

Warren Blankenhorn, Treasurer

in Atlanta. This local CCSA Committee has developed a very comprehensive program and may be cited here as an example of what a local group can do within its own congregation and community. Plans were developed to utilize the County of DeKalb. Specific assignments were given to each member of the committee to research the various social and community problems of the county. The committee placed a bulletin board in the North exit of the church. Reports were also made occasionally to the Church Council. The group publicized the TV series led by Dr. Roger Shinn. The committee also obtained a grant of funds from the church budget for its annual activities and program. It also requested that the CCSA Committee be made a standing committee of the local church.

Your chairman also visited Savannah, Charleston, Columbia, and Birmingham to confer with local church leaders about social action within their congregations and within their communities.

At the national level, your chairman visited with the leaders of the Council for Christian Social Action. Plans were developed in keeping with the zoning of the CCSA Instrumentality to the South during the current year and the sponsorship of a regional institute in our Southeast Conference area in the fall of 1967, and follow-up workshops at the Association level. Copies of a pamphlet entitled "Intervention, Anyone? A Look at Social Action," have been ordered for our help.

Edward M. Brown, Chairman

## The Southeast Youth Conference In Nashville

The 1967 Southeast Youth Conference met in Nashville, Tenn., at the First United Church of Christ, March 4-5, 1967.

Theme for the Conference was "Forms of Ministry." The morning session was devoted to the discussion of Forms of Ministry by Rev. Richard Mapes, pastor, Vanderbilt University. We learned that the ministry has forms other than the pulpit.

Saturday afternoon we went on a guided tour of the city, where we observed the different forms of ministry at work, as follows:

1. Edgefield Church — located in a poor neighborhood, is a community church. Membership represents a good cross-section of the community since all members are not from low-income families. This is a project of the Methodist Church Board.

Coffee House — which is also called the Market Place. This idea was promoted by a well-known architect in Nashville. Here persons may go to get away from the world and discuss their problems. It seats about 80 people and closes about 12:00 p. m.

3. The Upper Room — a small chapel at Vanderbilt University. Here we had an opportunity to see a carving of the "Last Supper." This chapel is for individual meditation or small group meditation.

State School for Retarded Children. The Chaplain at the school explained the program for children with limited mentality.

Saturday night we attended a banquet and dance at the church, where we were entertained by a live combo.

The Conference was concluded Sunday with a brief worship service, and election of new officers as follows:

President — (Mr.) Terry Simmons  
Vice-President — (Mr.) Ron Petty  
Recording Sec. — (Miss) Betty Jane Dunbar

Treasurer — (Mr.) Geoffrey E. Gadsden

Action Chairman — (Mr.) David Merritt

Faith Chairman — (Miss) Debbie Price

Fellowship Ch. — (Mr.) Benny Carstens

Youth Advisor — Miss Gladys Varner (From Chr. Educ. Comm.)

Staff Advisor — Rev. Emilie Pitcock

Christine Price, Reporter

## Southeast Conference Budget For 1967

### INCOME:

|  |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION (from churches)                                  |             | \$53,750.00 |
| 1. Bd. Homeland Ministries (for 2nd staff member) (Div. Christian Education) | 4,000.00    |             |
| 2. Bd. Homeland Ministries (for 3rd staff member) (Div. Church Extension)    | 10,500.00   |             |
| SEC Share Per Capita Dues  | 500.00      |             |
| Interest, Savings Certificate  | 250.00      |             |
| Fees from Annual Meeting   | 275.00      |             |
| Refunds on Budgeted Items  | 500.00      |             |
| Southeast News Subscriptions   | 500.00      |             |
| Miscel. Unbudgeted Receipts  | 1,178.50    |             |
| From Reserve Fund  | 2,768.50    |             |
| Total Expected Income  | \$74,222.00 |             |

### DISBURSEMENTS:

#### Administrative Expense:

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| a. Salaries          | 23,200.00 |
| b. Annuity Program   | 2,849.00  |
| c. Housing Allowance | 5,400.00  |
| d. Travel Allowance  | 7,900.00  |

#### United Church of Christ Mission to:

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| National and World Ministries (O. C. W. M. Funds) | 13,000.00 |
| Aid to Local Churches                             | 10,500.00 |
| Promotional Mtls. & Expense                       | 1,000.00  |
| Southeast News                                    | 1,200.00  |

#### Other Expense:

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Part-time Secretary             | 2,000.00    |
| Rent                            | 1,200.00    |
| Utilities—telephone, etc.       | 600.00      |
| Insurance—Contents              | 140.00      |
| Insurance—Employee benefits (5) | 533.00      |
| Social Security                 | 200.00      |
| Stationery                      | 500.00      |
| Postage                         | 500.00      |
| Director's & committee meetings | 2,000.00    |
| Total — Other Expense           | \$ 7,673.00 |
| Unbudgeted Items                | 1,500.00    |

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$74,222.00

## Commission On Evangelism

The Commission on Evangelism met three times this past year. The Commission looked realistically at the Conference and what could be done to promote a well-rounded program of evangelism within the Conference and in the local churches. Some concerns of the Commission are:

1. Promotion of the United Church of Christ within the local parish. This could be done by several churches together having the newspaper carry a small ad about what the United Church of Christ is and what it is doing throughout the world. Churches are encouraged to use the name of United Church of Christ.

2. We would suggest that each church plan a program of visitation at a time other than the time of seeking help to meet the church budget. An effective program of Lay Visitation could strengthen the spiritual life of the local church.

3. Ministers are encouraged to have Confirmation Classes to train children and adults in what it means to be a member of the church.

4. We feel a great need for this Commission to develop a Manual on Evangelism for the Conference that could be used by each Association and Conference along with the local churches.

5. We would encourage each church to have a Commission on Evangelism that would work with the Association and Conference.

6. We would recommend that the Conference go on record as supporting "The Local Church in God's Mission"—the emphasis of the United Church of Christ for 1968-69. We recommend that the Conference be represented at the meeting in Deering, N. H., July 22-27, 1967, to study this program and how it could be used within the Southeast Conference.

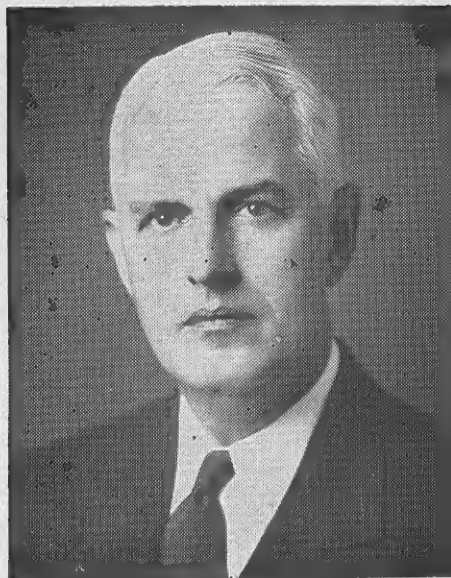
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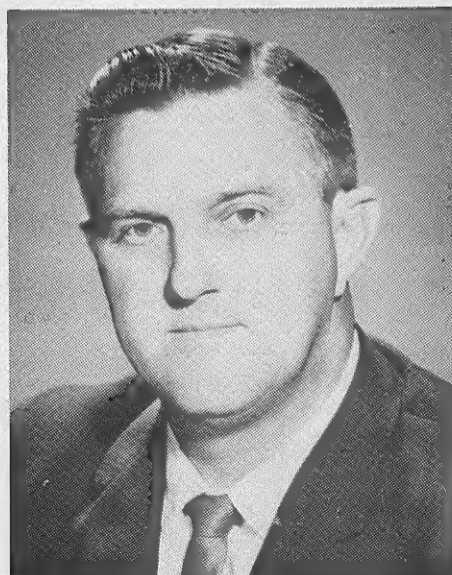
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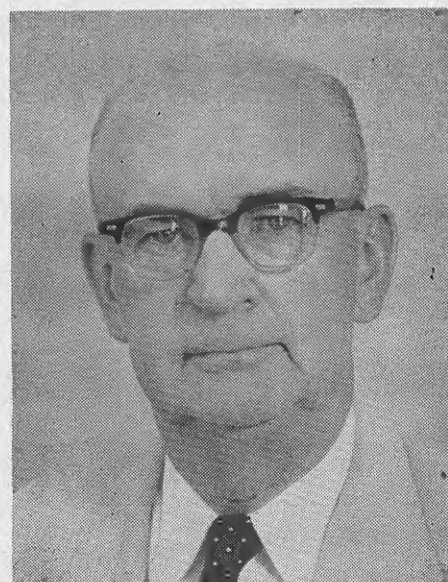
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